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Are You Doing Your Share Toward Entertaining the National Negro Business League?

A. M. E. GENERAL CONFERENCE

Celebrates Its 100th Anniversary in "Mother" Bethel, the First Church Established by Richard Allen in Philadelphia, Pa.

Thousands of Delegates and Visitors in Attendance—Many from Missouri and Kansas.

The Tuesday afternoon session of the A. M. E. General Conference was called to order by Bishop Connor, at 3 o'clock p. m., by singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

The rules of the house were suspended and motion prevailed to receive the fraternal delegates.

Rev. Dr. Caldwell presented Rev. Dr. Camphor, fraternal delegate of the A. M. E. church, to Bishop Connor, and Bishop Connor in turn presented Dr. Camphor to the general conference, who spoke in a most eloquent manner, conveying sincere greetings from his general conference to the A. M. E. General Conference. (See paper.)

Rev. J. H. Samuels from the Christian church was introduced by Dr. Caldwell to Bishop Connor, and Bishop Connor in turn presented him to the general conference.

Dr. R. M. Boyd of the Publication Department of the Baptist church, brought greetings from the Baptist churches.

Dr. Boyd said that his great success in the work was due to Bishop C. H. Smith of the A. M. E. church, who was then secretary of the Sunday School Union in Nashville, Tenn. He said he got his inspiration from Dr. Smith in 1896.

Dr. Boyd further said that after many unsuccessful efforts to get an office in Nashville, through the kindness and consideration of Dr. Smith,

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The second ballot resulted as follows: 572 votes cast, 287 necessary to choose. Ross, 236; Beckett, 209; Fountain, 162; Johnson, 140; Carey, 93; Hill, 64; West, 53; Felder, 47; Tucker, 22; W. S. Brooks, 21; R. B. Brooks, 12; G. W. Porter, 9; Gaines, 9; Thornton, 7; Vernon, 6; Simmons, 5; Steady, 5; Roberts, 4; Askey, 3; Dunlap, 3; Kealing, 3; Sutton, 3; W. H. Butler, 2; L. H. Smith, Sr., 2; Bundy, 2; Jenkins, 2; and the following 1 vote each: A. C. Smith, Singleton, Hunt, Wingfield, Warren, Morant, Lee, Gibbons, Capeheart, Griffin, Syes, Scott, Chavis, Channell and Allen. No choice.

After this vote Revs. A. J. Carey, W. T. Vernon, A. H. Hill, A. L. Gaines, R. B. Brooks, G. W. Porter, M. W. Thornton, Sandy Simmons, S. P. Felder, G. B. West, J. R. Ransom, and H. T. Kealing withdrew.

The third ballot resulted as follows: Total vote 570; necessary to choose, 289: W. W. Beckett, 377; I. N. Ross, 312; W. A. Fountain, 173; W. D. Johnson, 260; A. L. Gaines, 2; C. R. Tucker, 10; Porter, 1; H. A. Cory, 1; Brooks, 5; R. S. Jenkins, 1.

Bishop H. B. Parks is returned to the Fifth district again.

FOUR NEW BISHOPS IN ZION CHURCH.

Word comes from Louisville, Ky., that the A. M. E. Zion church has elected four new bishops, viz.: Rev. L. W. Lyles, editor of the Quarterly Review; Rev. R. B. Bruce of Charlotte; Rev. George C. Clements, editor of the Star of Zion, and Rev. M. L. Lee, pastor of Fleet street church of New York.

The bishops elected in 1908, Bishops Parks, Flipper, Johnson and Heard have agreed to give a scholarship of \$200 for a student who is a college graduate and passes the best examination to pursue a theological course in some theological seminary of one of the Methodist churches. This is a commendable movement and should be followed by others.

EDITOR OF FRATERNAL PAPER PASSE AWAY.

Muskogee, Okla., May 19.—W. H. Carter, editor of the Lantern, the U. B. T. paper, died here last night after a brief illness. He leaves a wife of a few months and daughter, whose address is not known.

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TEN REASONS WHY THE N. N. B. LEAGUE SHOULD BE WELCOMED.

No. 6.

The citizens of Kansas City should welcome the N. N. B. League because it affords an opportunity for other races to see some of the accomplishments of the Negro race.

Many of the other races see only the jail bird, saloon frequenter, the ignorant, slothful, and ill-mannered Negro, and accept them as the average standard of the race.

The League brings to us men and women that have been, and are, engaged in agriculture, manufacturing, mining and commerce. Many of whom are such successful business people they have not only the support of their own race, but of other races as well. (Continued in next issue.)

THE EDUCATED BOOT BLACK.

By Kathryn M. Johnson, Burlington, Iowa.

Shine, mister, shine! Five cents, a nickel, Just half a dime. White shoes, or black, Russet or tan; If you want them cleaned good, I am your man.

You say you're surprised At me shining shoes? Sit down Mr. Waite and Look at the News. In just a few minutes, Then I'll be through, And explain my present Position to you.

I graduated last June With your son, By many kind deeds His friendship I won. I solved many problems At school for your son; To him they were difficult, To me they were fun. I thought, when we both Grew to be men, he would Help me solve the problems I had just read of then.

When my diploma was Presented to me, I tested his friendship, His manhood, you'll see. He told me, he was going In business with you; I asked for a position in Your store too.

I said I'd be glad to Start as a clerk; From the bottom of the ladder, Then upward I'd work. To become a bookkeeper for you Some day. For this position, I knew Was good pay. Soon in his face, I read his surprise, Then off came the mask, His friendship disguised.

It's absolutely impossible To hire you as clerk; But I will consider the Janitor work. This was the offer to me By your son; The test of the friendship I thought I had won.

My first application By your son, being denied, You cannot imagine How it wounded my pride. Being ambitious, I started anew, To find one white man Whose friendship was true. I put my application in Every store in this town, A flimsy excuse, Is all that I found. That's why you find me Here shining shoes. Is there an ad. for A Colored man Tonight in your News?

Brothers of the National Benevolent Industrial Association of Railroad Men, our National Field President, Mr. R. J. Holloway will be in our city on the following dates: June 4 and 5. He is making his annual tour of the local field. Don't fail to hear him and write your railroad friends. Meetings will be held at the Bethel Chapel, corner of Flora avenue and 24th street. There will be three meetings, 2:30 on the 4th; 3:30 and 8:30 p. m. on the 5th. For further information inquire of E. A. Barnhill, 2429 Flora avenue. Phone Bell East 3114J.

SOLDIER MASTER DIES; HORSE, BROKEN HEARTED, WILL NOT EAT.

Columbus, N. M., May 12.—There's a horse in Columbus dying of a broken heart. He's sound in wind and limb, but he won't eat or drink, and he's slowly starving to death.

When the Tenth regiment of colored troops went into Mexico private George Hundell, of Troop C rode him. And when "stables" sounded on the bugle at the end of a long, dusty hike, Hundell was by the side of his mount. Hundell cared for him as he might for a child.

All the little intimacies that bind man and animal together were present in an accentuated degree between the two. Hundell carried sugar in his pocket. The horse nosed the pockets three times a day. Hundell went without tobacco, many, many times that he might buy from the troop cook the sweets the animal loved. Nights when it snowed in the Sierras, and Colonel Dodd's cavalrymen, with one blanket and orders against a fire, shivered through the long hours, Hundell slept on the picket line, close up against the horse's neck.

Other animals might kick and roll and bite on the line, but Hundell's horse was different.

Then, on March 29, came the first brush between the Americans and the Villa men. Hundell and the horse came through safely. But two days later Hundell was one of a dozen troopers injured when a Mexican railroad train rolled down an embankment. He died later.

Hundell's horse was assigned to another trooper whose mount had been killed at Guerrero. The new rider, who knew how Hundell treated the horse, tried to follow suit. He carried sugar in his pockets. One cold

OUR NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE

will meet here August 17th and 18th. This will give the citizens of Greater Kansas City a great opportunity to show their hospitality and the famous Kansas City spirit.

It is the earnest desire of the Officers of the local League of Greater Kansas City that every Race-loving man and woman will join us in this movement and do their duty in helping to entertain these distinguished guests in a way that will prove to them that the Kansas City Negroes are a unit when it comes to race progress and uplift and the many good things that have been said about us throughout the country are facts beyond a doubt.

SOME THINGS WE HOPE TO DO.

FIRST: To have all our citizens to fix up their homes and places of business so that they will present a pleasing appearance. This has already been done by many, but we want everybody to catch the step.

SECOND: There are about twenty Officers of the National Negro Business League. Men who are prominent in the business and financial world. It would be a mighty nice thing if some of our families who are able to volunteer to entertain one or two of them in their homes as guests for the three days. This has never been done in the other large cities where the National League has met, but we want to show them that the Kansas City spirit is different from other large cities.

THIRD: Some of the special features of the entertainment of the National Business League and the thousands of visitors are as follows: One afternoon will be set aside for an automobile ride over our beautiful park and boulevard system which is second to none in the United States.

Kansas City is heralded throughout the country for the par-excellence of other women's clubs and social organizations who are doing so much for the social life and uplift of our people in Kansas City.

We are going to ask these ladies to take charge of the visitors one afternoon and arrange open houses and receptions in various sections of the Negro districts so that in going from one place to another the visitors will have an opportunity to see our resident districts.

Any suggestions or assistance will be highly appreciated by the League. All inquiries or suggestions should be directed to Prof. J. D. Bowser, 2400 Paseo.

This article will be continued in this paper until we have acquainted the public with all of our arrangements.

NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



HON. WM. H. LEWIS
Former Assistant Attorney General of the United States who will deliver one of the principal addresses at the National Negro Business League Session to be held in this city next August.

night the troopers tried to sleep on the picket line as Hundell had done. The horse rolled on him, and would have trampled him to death had not a stable guard interfered in time to drag the man away.

Hundell's horse, formerly the example of every other troop horse in the outfit, became unmanageable. At first the horse was to be shot. A lieutenant pleaded with the captain, and the death verdict was withdrawn.

"If you can use him, take him," was the answer. So the horse was held until an ambulance corps went northward. On a halter, behind the jolting wagon, the horse went north, too.

He's in the veterinarian's care now. They try to make him eat. A nibble or two of even the best oats, and the horse stops. Sometimes a Negro trooper approaches the corral. The horse pricks up his ears and trots up, expectancy in every move. But the ears drop and the brisk gate stops, and the thinning sides droop pitifully. The horse doesn't make mistakes and Hundell is gone.

"I've known of cavalry horses that loved their riders," said the white haired veterinarian, "but never this way. One of the officers believed that to call the horse by name might bring him around. But it seems that

Hundell used to call him 'Baby' and we don't seem to say it like he did."

REPLY FROM MR. PERRY IN THE ST. JAMES CHURCH CONTROVERSY.

Kansas City, Mo., May 24, 1916.

To the Kansas City Sun:

I reply to J. F. Green, John Glass and I. D. Payne, I desire to reply as follows:

First. I did not approve of Mrs. Neely Perry publishing that article regarding Rev. J. R. Williams, as he and I had settled the question between ourselves.

Second. She told the truth.

Third. Those brothers are not officers of the St. James Church and deceive the public when they say they are.

Fourth. Now, as for drunkenness, if those brothers say they ever saw me at any time drunk they lie and know not the truth.

Signed, C. T. PERRY, Secretary of the St. James Trustee Board.

For further information write or call at 421 Westport avenue.

(Editor's Note—This is absolutely the last article which will be published concerning this affair.)

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Western University Chorus Makes Big Hit at Billy Sunday Tabernacle Meeting Wednesday Night.

"TWO HIT THE TRAIL." One of the pleasing surprises at the Billy Sunday meeting was the singing of the Western University chorus under the leadership of the race's greatest musician, Prof. R. G. Jackson, at the Tabernacle Wednesday night. More than 20,000 persons were in attendance and the singing was loudly applauded. At the request of Choir Director Rodehaver they sang "Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart" and "A little talk with Jesus makes it right, all right." They were warmly complimented by Mr. Sunday and arrangements are being made to have them come again. Two of the chorus "hit the trail" at the call for converts and Mr. Sunday took occasion to make it distinctly understood that he wants colored people to hear his sermons as well as other people.

BAPTIZING FATAL.

Richmond, Tex., May 5.—Rev. John Robinson, Houston, Tex., and Deacon Oscar Herald, Booth, Tex., were drowned here Sunday while engaged in baptismal service. Three waiting to be baptized were carried into the stream but a Mexican bystander dashed into the Brazos river and aided the struggling victim to safety. The crowd was astounded by the sudden tragedy and the services were brought to a hasty end and search for the bodies started, but they have not yet been recovered. Both of the drowned men leave large families.—Exchange.

THE OLD CITY HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL

will hold their COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES Wednesday Evening, May 31, at 8:00 o'clock

at the Paseo Y. M. C. A. Dr. M. O. Ricketts will deliver the address to the graduates.

Sunday, May 28, the Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Richard Davis.

Miss Catherine R. White of St. Louis, first assistant of Vannaker school, entertained a party of friends with a motor ride Wednesday evening after which Mrs. David Allen entertained the party with light refreshments and games at her home. Those in the party were Mrs. C. R. McDowell, P. G. M., Mrs. Anna J. Carter, P. G. M., Mrs. N. H. Kenner, P. G. M., Mrs. Lila H. Swan, Grand Treasurer, Miss C. R. White and Mr. and Mrs. David Allen. All are attending Grand Court, H. of J., in Independence, Mo.

HEROINES OF JERICHO.

Grand Court Holds Its 42d Annual Session at Independence, Mo.

The Largest Attendance and the Most Spirited Session Ever Held.

The 42d annual session of the Heroines of Jericho of Missouri and jurisdiction convened in the First Baptist Church at Independence, Mo., at 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning, May 23, with all officers present except the Grand Joshua, Rev. M. S. Bryant, who was attending the General Conference in Philadelphia and did not arrive until Wednesday evening. G. M. A. M. Dollie Stevens of Hannibal, Mo., presided and after the usual opening formalities introduced the visitors, among whom were Grand Master N. C. Crews, Grand Secretary G. W. K. Love, Past Grand Master C. G. Williams, Past Master T. G. McCampbell, who was appointed to fill the position of Grand Joshua, Rev. Johnson of Trenton, Rev. McDowell of Hannibal, Robert Marshall, Willis Brown, G. C. Cole and Mr. Poole. Also many ladies whose names we were unable to obtain. The Grand Matron's address was a very able and comprehensive document, covering every phase of the Grand Court's work. On Tuesday evening a public reception was held at the A. M. E. Church, where a welcome address on behalf of the city was delivered by Mayor Ott and responded to by Mrs. Lulu Brown; welcome address on behalf of Masonic lodge by Dr. E. M. Phenix, responded to by Mrs. Mamie E. Polk. Welcome address on behalf of the churches by Mrs. Ella Chisman, responded to by Mrs. Daisy McKnight. Excellent music was rendered during the evening by various persons and much praise is due Miss Mamie Raglin for the admirable program and its excellent arrangement. On Wednesday after the



Bishop W. W. Beckett, former President of Allen University, Columbia, S. C., elected on third ballot.

appointment of various committees a brief address by Grand Master Crews. A very frank discussion of the changing of the Grand Court was entered into which terminated in a spirit of harmony and good will. In the afternoon came the election of officers, who were as follows:

Dollie Stevens, G. M. A. M., Tannibal, Mo.
Pearl Pool, V. G. M. A. M., Independence, Mo.
Rev. T. G. McCampbell, G. W. J., Kansas City, Mo.
Catherine R. White, Secretary, St. Louis, Mo.
Daisy McKnight, Treasurer, G. B. Fund and Endowment Department, Kansas City, Mo.
Eva G. Holden, Secretary, G. B. Fund and Endowment Department, St. Louis, Mo.

Zenobia Grant, I. G. K., Macon, Mo.
Pearl Brown, O. G. K., Joplin, Mo.
Owing to the lateness of the hour at which the election was concluded the memorial services were continued until Thursday afternoon.

On Thursday morning, after the reading of the Journal and the usual exercises, Past Grand Master C. G. Williams of Booneville, was introduced as an eloquent and impressive address that impressed the women as had no address previously delivered, and recommended as did Grand Master Crews, that certain changes be made in their Constitution to conform with the law governing the Masonic Grand Lodge. Grand Master also explained the working of the Masonic Home and the rights of the Auxiliaries to participate therein. In the evening the Memorial exercises were held, conducted by the Grand Joshua and were in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion. The splendid addresses by Mrs. Nevada H. Kenner of Marshall, Mrs. C. R. McDowell of Hannibal, Mrs. Catherine R. White of St. Louis, and Mesdames Carter, M. W. Wilson and Justie P. Johnson of Kansas City demonstrated that in the Grand Court are some of the brightest and ablest women of the race. The next session will be held at Fulton, Mo.

On Thursday night the installation of officers took place at the Armory Hall before a large crowd of visitors, and on Friday the business of the Grand Court was completed and they adjourned.



Bishop I. N. Ross, former pastor of Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, Baltimore, Md., elected on third ballot.

who is now Bishop Smith, he obtained office room on the third floor of the building. That is why he credits very largely the success of the Baptist Publication House to the secretary of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union.

The report of the manager of the book concern shows that \$53,847.70 has been received during the past four years and that \$53,768.57 had been spent. The property of the book concern, the oldest publishing house owned by Afro-Americans, is valued at \$35,000.

The report of the missionary secretary, Dr. J. W. Rankin, reveals that \$178,387.47 has been raised for the missionary movement and that the church has opened new fields in Southern Nigeria, West Africa, a British colony.

Rev. B. F. Watson of the Church Extension Society, shows that it has received \$120,179.35, and that \$117,431.72 has been spent in aiding churches, and that the society has assets valued at \$366,124.

The report of the financial secretary showed that the total amount of "dollar money" raised by districts, was: First district, \$61,493.79; second, \$71,050.15; third, \$31,919.17; fourth, \$55,452.09; fifth, \$61,389.21; sixth, eighth, \$62,346.52; ninth, \$97,961.31; tenth, \$44,994.28; eleventh, \$72,265.31; twelfth, \$60,050.66; thirteenth, \$1,468.96; fourteenth, \$20,393.79; fifteenth, \$7,915.88. Total, \$850,214.04.

A. S. Jackson, commissioner of education, showed that \$55,709.88 was raised for education.

The report of the Sunday School Union showed that the largest publishing house controlled by Afro-Americans has been put in operation.

The Episcopal committee was announced as being ready to report, and they marched in amid great applause and delivered a majority and minority report. The majority report recommended the return of Bishops Johnson and Heard to America and that two bishops be elected. The minority report endorsed all the items in the majority report except the election of bishops. The house voted by roll call by a big majority to adopt the majority report and on Thursday at 3 p. m. the balloting for bishops began.

The result of the first ballot was as follows: A. J. Carey, 98; W. A. Fountain, 164; R. B. Brooks, 35; W. Sampson Brooks, 44; I. N. Ross, 159; G. B. West, 159; A. H. Hill, 59; W. W. Beckett, 118; H. T. Kealing, 17; W. T. Vernon, 23; M. W. Thornton, 25; Wm. D. Johnson, 96; G. W. Porter, 22; W. G. Alexander, 3; Sandy Simmons, 13; J. R. Ransom, 33; T. J. Askey, 7; S. P. Felder, 70; F. Jesse Peck, 3; W. H. H. Butler, 4; A. L. Gaines, 29; C. R. Tucker, 24; D. P. Roberts, 10; R. S. Jenkins, 6; H. M. Steady, 11; T. H. Jackson, 5; P. C. Miller, 3; C. C. Dunlap, 5; P. C. Hunt, 2; Chas. Bundy, 4; D. J. Brown, 10; H. E. Stewart, 2; K. C. Holt, 2; R. H. Singleton, 2; and the following 1 each: J. J. Morant, R. W. Nance, J. A. Jones (Texas), F. M. Johnson, R. V. Branch, R. L. Heard, P. A. Scott, S. D. Roseborough, J. A. Gregg, A. J. Wilson, A. R. Cooper, J. I. Lowe, L. R. Nichols and C. W. Abington. Total vote cast, 610; necessary to choose, 305. No election.